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In re Application of:
Kesayoshi IGUCHI et al.
Application No. 09/488,527
Filed: January 21, 2000
For: **A METHOD OF PROCESSING
CUSTOMER'S ORDERS AND A
CUSTOMER'S ORDER PROCESSING
APPARATUS**

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**DECISION ON PETITION
FILED UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.181**

This decision is in response to the petition filed on May 30, 2006 entitled "Petition Filed Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) (3)."

The petition is **DISMISSED as MOOT**.

File History

- (1) Application No. 09/488,527 was filed on January 21, 2000. Claims 1-31 were presented for prosecution.
- (2) A non-final office action was mailed on October 23, 2001.
- (3) An amendment was filed on January 10, 2002.
- (4) A final office action was mailed on February 27, 2002. Due to a typographical error, it was re-mailed on April 11, 2002.
- (5) An amendment was filed on April 26, 2002.
- (6) An advisory action was mailed on Jun 14, 2002.
- (7) A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 8, 2002, and an Appeal Brief was filed on September 30, 2002.
- (8) A non-final office action was mailed on December 10, 2002 reopening prosecution.

- (9) A second Notice of Appeal was filed on March 4, 2003; a second Appeal Brief was filed on May 2, 2003, and a Supplemental Brief on July 22, 2003.
- (10) A non-final office action was mailed on January 26, 2006 reopening prosecution.
- (11) A third notice of Notice of Appeal was filed on April 24, 2006, and a third Appeal Brief was filed on May 30, 2006.

The Instant Petition

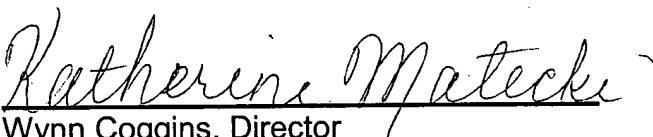
The Instant Petition requests the Director, "...to invoke his supervisory authority to prevent the examiner in charge of this case to further reopen prosecution of this case by then sending out yet another Office Action, so that the appeal of the rejections by the examiner may proceed to the Board of Appeals for a decision."

Decision

A review of the file reveals that an Examiner's Answer was mailed on August 1, 2006 in response to said third Appeal Brief. Furthermore, Application 09/488,527 was received from the Technology Center at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 14, 2007 and has been assigned Appeal No.: 2008-0426.

The Instant Petition is **DISMISSED as moot**.

Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Matthew S. Gart, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at (571) 272-3955.

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